



Summer Transition Year Newsletter

- One of the highlights each year is the end of year trip. This year we went to **Ballyhass Outdoor Education Centre**. Students got to experience kayaking, team building, zip lining, high ropes, abseiling, archery and many more activities. Their dancing skills were put to the test back in the accommodation as they were treated to a mix of Irish dancing, disco dancing and musical chairs (well done Sam). Students really threw themselves into the activities and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.



- Teachers were hugely impressed with the standard of the **end of year interviews**. The effort put into most of the e-portfolios was outstanding and it was nice for students to share their experience of TY with their teachers. Students have improved hugely in confidence since they completed their first interview to get into TY over a year ago so hopefully it will stand to them when applying for jobs in the near future.

- The **Amber Flag committee** were reissued with their Amber Flag at the graduation ceremony. The Pieta House Amber Flag initiative recognises the individual efforts of schools to create healthy, inclusive environments that



support mental well-being. The big fundraising event this year, the 'Lip Sync battle', was brilliantly supported by TY students with four class groups taking part and competing to a really high standard. Well done to the TY students on the committee - Róisín Groves, Emily Tyrrell, Rachael O' Dwyer, Holly Ahern and Kellie Anne Devlin, along with their teacher Ms.Somers.

- Members of the **Young St. Vincent de Paul** travelled to Carriganore for the regional youth day. They displayed all their work from throughout the year and prepared a lip sync dance to perform to the crowd. They were paired with Our Lady of Lourdes School, Rosberon, who they exchanged gifts with. Many thanks to Ms. Lonergan for all her hard work this year with the group.



- Monday afternoons saw groups of students head out around Tramore volunteering their services and company to others in the community. Thanks to Killure Bridge Nursing Home, SVP shop, Brothers of Charity, Tramore AFC and Ard an Gleanna Homework Club for supporting the students in their **Community Care module**. The module was mutually beneficial to all involved.
- Three of our students attended a Transition Year week in WIT called '**Engineering Your Future**'. They got to experience all the different types of engineering to help them see if it is the career path for them.

- The **Future Leaders** final event finished the course off on a high. They organised a football blitz for 1st Years and it ran extremely smoothly. Every job was completed by a Future Leader. Thanks to Ms. Feighery for her hard work throughout the year while completing the course. Well done to the 17 students who completed all the modules needed to get the overall cert.



- All students had the opportunity to go **surfing** with the local surf schools and **horse riding** at Lake Tour Stables as part of their PE programme this term. For many it was their first time on a horse so it was nice to try something new.



- The Peace and Justice Committee organised a **Environmental Awareness Day**. They decided as young activists to come together to voice their opinions on the topic of single use plastics in relation to climate change. The culmination of the ERST “SOS - Save Our Seas” campaign took place on 8th May. Representatives from many schools around Munster, along with our TYs, attended to hear talks from Cian Luck, a marine biologist with Marine Renewable Energy Ireland and Camilla Turney, from An Tasice’s “Think before you flush” campaign to name a few.



- Well done to the TY class of 2018/19 on their **graduation**. Many received awards of recognition, but so many others can be very proud of their achievements and of how they have developed throughout the year. Thanks to the graduation committee for their work behind the scenes leading up and on the day. Well done to Seán Evans and Holly Ahern who were voted TY Students of the Year by the teachers.

